



CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from the Executive Director



As 2020 comes to a close, we remain thankful for health, family, and community. The CIC is especially grateful for the outpouring of support we received for our holiday postcard project. This year, we were not able to facilitate postcard writing events due to social distancing guidelines; however, with the help of community organizations and agencies, we achieved our goal of sending our 2020 holiday postcards to the 3,042 DC adults in BOP custody. The CIC thanks

The Public Defender Service, The Amazing Gospel Souls, The Mayors Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (MORCA), and Reintegrating Alternatives Personal Program (RAPP) for working with us this year and completing so many postcards! Special thanks to Mr. Eyone Williams, and Ms. YaVonne DuBose for their continued support of the postcard project and DC adults in custody.

The CIC recently had a meeting with the DOC to discuss modifications within its facilities since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. A walk-through is scheduled to occur before the end of 2020. The focus of the walk through is to observe the current conditions of confinement, as well as the implementation of tablet use for communication and programming.

Recently, the DC Council's judiciary committee voted unanimously to approve the [Second Look Amendment Act](#). This legislation allows DC Code offenders who committed a crime before they turned 25 to petition the court for early release after they've served 15 years in prison. The Second Look Amendment Act builds on the prior [Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act \(IRAA\)](#), which allows DC Code offenders to petition the court for resentencing if they committed a crime before the

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community.

Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday season!

Donald Isaac, Sr.

Compassionate Release Clearing House: Volunteers Needed!

As of November 2020, 413 Compassionate Release cases have been assigned to judges. Of those cases, 198 have been decided. Fifty eight Compassionate Release cases have been granted, and 140 cases have been denied.

FAMM, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ("NACDL"), the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and other advocates, are currently recruiting pro bono attorneys, social workers, and medical professionals to work on compassionate release motions for those prisoners most vulnerable to COVID-19: the elderly and chronically ill.

Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding how to volunteer.

Recently Published Reports



- [Compassionate Release Process Report](#)
- [Update on District of Columbia Youth Rehabilitation Act](#)
- [District of Columbia Department of Corrections Inspection Report: FY19](#)
- [District of Columbia Department of Corrections Inspection Report: FY20](#)

Community Events and Information

to succeed?

INTRODUCING

Starter Kits

FOR REENTRY WOMEN

Our starter kits are designed to meet your immediate needs upon reentry, including, but not limited to:

- Laptop or Tablet
- Technology Setup & Support
- PPE (masks, hand sanitizer)
- Clothing, Food, and Hygiene Items
- Transportation Assistance
- Access to Support Groups
- Linkage to Medical Appointments
- Financial Assistance
- Tote Bags to keep your belongings together

 **Community Family Life SERVICES**

To learn more or schedule an intake, contact:

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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A STARTER KIT, CLIENTS MUST BE:

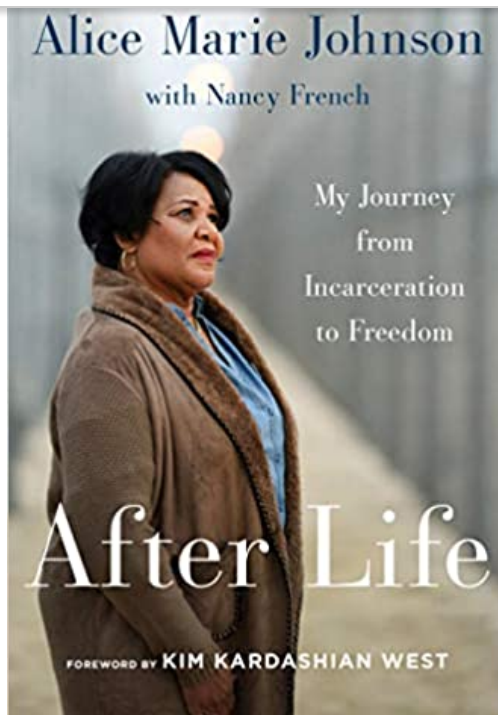
- Women over 18 years old
- DC Residents
- Currently incarcerated or released from jail, prison, or halfway house within the past 6 months.
- Willing to agree to the program guidelines and a year of intensive case management with CFLS.

Let's get you started.

What We're Reading: Life After Reentry

After Life

by: Alice Marie Johnson

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After Life is the true-life story of the woman whose life sentence for non-violent drug trafficking was commuted. Alice Marie Johnson, was convicted in 1996 for her involvement in a Memphis cocaine trafficking organization and received a life sentence under the mandatory sentencing laws of the time. In this memoir, Alice explains how she held on to hope and gave it to others, from becoming a playwright to mentoring her fellow prisoners.



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